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Senate passes bill allowing Michigan pharmacies to dispense Illinois and Minnesota prescriptions

LANSING – Michigan pharmacies would be able to dispense medication to people with Illinois or Minnesota prescriptions under legislation sent to the governor Thursday, announced Sen. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks.

“Since Michigan is home not only to permanent residents but many seasonal tourists from out-of-state, it only makes sense to allow them to fill their home-state prescriptions here,” said Jelinek, sponsor of the bill. “This also is a fiscally responsible bill that would help many Michigan businesses through increased revenue.”

Under current law, Michigan pharmacists cannot dispense a prescription written and signed by an authorized physician from a state other than Michigan, unless the physician resides in a state adjacent to Michigan. Senate Bill 908 would expand the current list of Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana to include Illinois and Minnesota.

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